

they are present, He may also make things happen without the causes that would lead to them. This serves to demonstrate that all causes and means are subject to His will and decree. So Zakariyâ stopped speaking for three days, and Allah enjoined him to give thanks to Him and remember Him a great deal in the evening and in the morning. Then when he came out from his chamber to the people, he gestured to them that they should glorify Allah in the evening and in the morning, that is, at the beginning and end of the day.



﴿وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَمْرُومُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَاصْطَفَاكِ عَلَى نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾ يَمْرُومُ اقْنُتِي لِرَبِّكِ وَاسْجُدِي وَارْكَعِي مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ الْغَيْبِ نُوحِيهِ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا كُنْتَ لَدَيْهِمْ إِذْ يَقُولُ أَفْلَهُمْ أَنْهُمْ يَكْفُلُ مَرْيَمَ وَمَا كُنْتَ لَدَيْهِمْ إِذْ يَخْتَصِمُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾﴾ (سورة آل عمران: ٤٢-٤٤)

- 3:42. And [remember] when the angels said: O Maryam! Allah has chosen you and purified you – chosen you above the women of all nations [of her own time].
- 3:43. O Maryam, worship your Lord devoutly; prostrate and bow [in prayer] with those who bow.
- 3:44. This is an account of the unseen [the distant past], which We reveal to you [O Muhammad]; you were not with them when they cast lots with their pens, [to decide] who, from among them, should be the guardian of Maryam. Nor were you with them when they disputed about it.

Here Allah speaks of the virtue and high status of Maryam, and tells us that the angels addressed her and told her their message, saying: